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Soldier Pass Road Area Traffic Study Draft Report Available on City's Website

The Soldier Pass Road Area Traffic Study draft report may be viewed on the City of Sedona website, www.SedonaAZ.gov, starting Wednesday, March 29. On the homepage, look at the News & Updates section and click on "Soldiers Pass Road Area Traffic Study." Both an Executive Summary and the Full Draft Report may be read.

The Sedona City Council will discuss the draft report findings and solutions at the April 26th work session, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Road.

The purpose of the study was to develop solutions to anticipated traffic problems along State Route 89A, between Posse Ground Road and Airport Road. The study also considers the impact of the proposed solutions on the segment of SR 89A extending from Posse Ground Road to Brewer Road.

The engineering firm, DMJM+Harris, prepared the draft report. The solutions presented in the report were developed with input obtained from meetings that began in August 2005. These meetings included the public, various stakeholders, and City staff members. Over 75 people attended each of the public meetings, which were held in September and November of 2005. Input from these meetings resulted in narrowing the solutions from six to two preferred alternatives. Throughout the solutions development process, the various alternatives were posted on the City's website for public comment.

The report identifies the two preferred alternatives as the Preferred Javelina Alternative and the Preferred Coyote Alternative. The Preferred Javelina Alternative proposes the installation of traffic signals at the Saddelerock and Airport Road intersections. The traffic signal at Soldier Pass Road would be removed. Median islands would be installed between the intersections. North Airport Road, currently a private road, would be improved as a public roadway connecting Soldier Pass Road to the Airport Road intersection. The estimated cost of this alternative is \$4.8 million dollars. The Preferred Coyote Alternative proposes construction of roundabouts at the Posse Grounds, Soldier Pass, and Airport Road intersections. Median islands would be installed between the intersections. The estimated cost of this alternative is \$3.1 million dollars.

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